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agencies is 510401. The head of the stationery used by the Main Administration  
for Motor Traffic runs as follows:

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Verkehrswesen, Hauptverwaltung Kraftverkehr.

The two main administrations are headed by a state secretary, who is  
responsible to the Ministry of Traffic.

2. The Main Administrations for Motor Traffic and Roads are organized as  
follows and have the following leading personnel:

State Secretary Heino Weiprecht

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Departments directly subordinate to the State Secretariat:

Secretariat

Dr. Priebe

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Secretary Frau Giese,

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3. The Main Administration for Motor Traffic controls all motor freight and passenger traffic including non-Reichsbahn rail traffic, (streetcar lines). The Leipzig - Mockau civil airport which is used by the Leipzig fair administration is also controlled by this Main Administration. It is the

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mission of the Main Administration for Motor Traffic to draft and control the Volkswirtschaftsplaene (economic plans) for all nationalized hauling enterprises. The Main Administration for Motor Traffic is also authorized to issue directives to the Traffic Departments of the Councils of all municipal Bezirke in the area of Greater Berlin. The Main Administration for Motor Traffic is organized as follows and has the following leading personnel:

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Chief of the Main  
Administration

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Traffic

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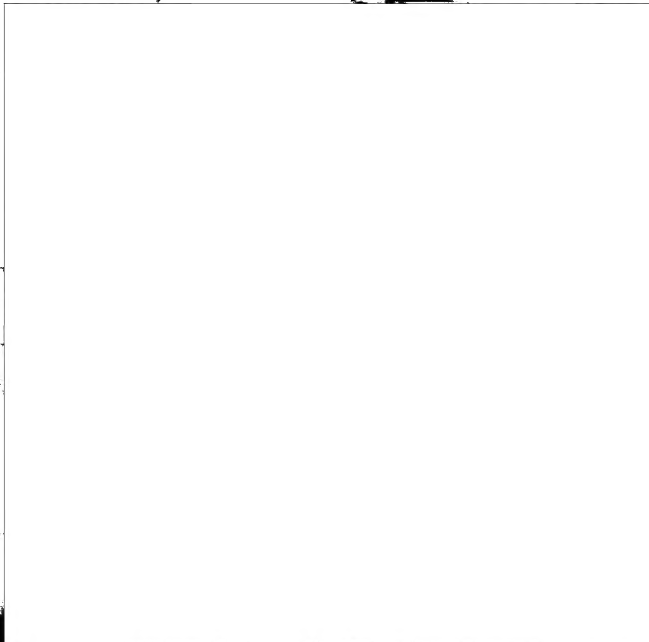
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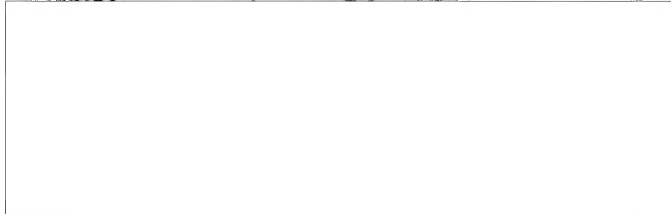
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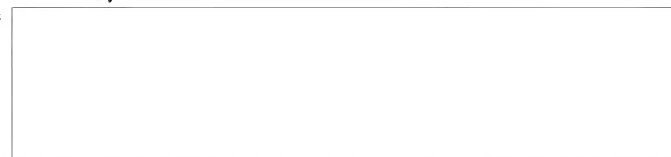
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Traffic  
Department

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4. The Traffic Department of the Main Administration for Motor Traffic controls the following traffic agencies or departments:

Traffic departments of the Councils:

Rostock  
Schwerin  
Neubrandenburg  
Potsdam  
Frankfurt/Oder  
Cottbus  
Magdeburg

Halle  
Erfurt  
Gera  
Suhl  
Dresden  
Karl-Marx-Stadt  
Leipzig



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The traffic department at the main administration level also controls the Bezirk Directorates of Traffic, the so-called "Autotransportgemeinschaften" (cooperative hauling agencies) (ATG), the VEB Deutscher Kraftverkehr in Berlin (DKV) and the VEB Autoreparaturwerk Berlin.

5. About 35 percent of automotive hauling enterprises in the GDR have been nationalized. In order to tighten state control of private carriers, it was decreed that they had to join the so-called Autotransportgemeinschaft (ATG). The central headquarters of the ATGs has been established by the Main Administration for Motor Traffic ~~and~~ is authorized to ~~issue~~ ~~to~~ private carriers. Usually, ATGs are ~~equipped~~ ~~with~~ ~~new~~ ~~type~~ of motor vehicles because they cannot buy new equipment. ~~new~~ ~~vehicles~~ newly manufactured in the GDR are available only to national enterprises, and these deliveries must be authorized by the ~~involved~~. Economic experts believe that approximately 80 percent of the entire automotive traffic system in the GDR will be replaced in three or four years. The same applies to the motor vehicle maintenance system. The equipment of nationalized enterprises has been modernized considerably during recent years. New vehicles from the USSR, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Much of the equipment also been manufactured in the GDR. The situation in the field of motor vehicles spare parts is, however, still unsatisfactory.

6. The planned conversion of 3- and 6-ton trucks to dump trucks has made very slow progress because only one ~~firm~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~a~~ ~~position~~ ~~to~~ ~~produce~~ ~~satisfactory~~ ~~truck~~ ~~bodies~~. This enterprise, ~~the~~ ~~Walter~~ ~~Hunger~~ ~~firm~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~only~~ ~~one~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~GDR~~ ~~which~~ ~~is~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~produce~~ ~~such~~ ~~vehicles~~. At the exhibition in ~~the~~ ~~firm~~ ~~of~~ ~~Walter~~ ~~Hunger~~ ~~in~~ ~~Frankenberg~~ ~~in~~ ~~1958~~ ~~only~~ ~~one~~ ~~new~~ ~~dump~~ ~~truck~~ ~~was~~ ~~available~~. For the ~~instance~~, the VEB DKV in Berlin, the ~~largest~~ ~~enterprise~~ ~~of~~ ~~its~~ ~~kind~~, received only 20 dump trucks and trailers in 1958. ~~Measures~~ have been initiated, however, to increase the capacity of the firm of Hunger at Frankenberg.

7. In the field of freight traffic, truck space is utilized to the maximum extent possible. Dispatch stations have been ~~set~~ ~~up~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~ ~~major~~ ~~points~~ of transloading. Empty trucks have to report at these stations. ~~This~~ ~~procedure~~ ~~eliminates~~ ~~runs~~ ~~without~~ ~~payload~~. Carriers would operate more profitably if the shortage of replacement parts did not unduly extend the time periods required for the repair of damaged vehicles. ~~Most~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~buses~~ ~~are~~ ~~employed~~ ~~for~~ ~~commuter~~ ~~traffic~~ ~~and~~ ~~line~~ ~~traffic~~. ~~International~~ ~~runs~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~stopped~~ ~~because~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~poor~~ ~~condition~~ ~~of~~ ~~GDR~~ ~~vehicles~~. Licenses for such trips ~~are~~ ~~given~~ ~~to~~ ~~West~~ ~~German~~ ~~and~~ ~~West~~ ~~Berlin~~ ~~firms~~ which have to pay a certain percentage of the rates charged to the GDR.

8. In 1958, ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Autos~~ ~~and~~ ~~buses~~ ~~were~~ ~~imported~~ ~~from~~ ~~Hungary~~. Most of ~~these~~ ~~vehicles~~ ~~are~~ ~~unreliable~~ ~~because~~ ~~their~~ ~~engines~~ ~~are~~ ~~unreliable~~ ~~and~~ ~~do~~ ~~not~~ ~~run~~ ~~smoothly~~ ~~and~~ ~~efficiently~~. West German ~~and~~ ~~other~~ ~~vehicles~~ ~~are~~ ~~generally~~ ~~considered~~ ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~reliable~~. ~~These~~ ~~are~~ ~~also~~ ~~the~~ ~~Czech~~ ~~Skoda~~ ~~buses~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~VEB~~ ~~Railroad~~ ~~Car~~ ~~Factory~~ ~~at~~ ~~Frankenberg~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~GDR~~. The Henschel ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~VEB~~ ~~engine~~ ~~is~~ ~~also~~ ~~widely~~ ~~used~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~KVP~~. A difficult problem still is the shortage of replacement parts.

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9. The normal wear and tear of vehicles is accelerated by inadequate maintenance work and a shortage of garages. This necessitates the parking of vehicles in the open. [REDACTED] construction of garages and [REDACTED] rainy weather, the [REDACTED] that vehicles [REDACTED] better in this [REDACTED] sites operated at Strausberg, [REDACTED] the greatest worries for the administration of motor traffic in the GDR is the shortage of motor vehicle repair facilities. The long time periods required for repair work have not been notably reduced since 1952 in spite of the allocation of [REDACTED] for the procurement of modern machine tools and the construction of repair shops. In 1953, the planned construction of five large motor vehicle repair centers, each estimated to cost 6.5 million DEM, had to be cancelled. The repair of vehicles is delayed because foreign-owned vehicles enjoy priority at motor vehicle repair shops. Moreover, replacement parts which must be imported from foreign countries must be requested through nationalized enterprises via DEA from the State Planning Commission. Each traffic enterprise is therefore intent on establishing a repair shop of its own. It frequently happens that vehicles which could be repaired are cannibalized in order to obtain urgently required replacement parts.

10. In 1955, it was requested that a sum of approximately 25 million DEM be made available for replacement parts and the procurement of tools. The State Planning Commission allocated, however, only 6.5 million DEM, pointing out that a maximum possible amount of replacement parts should be manufactured at motor vehicle repair shops. General overhauls last from two to eight months. A general overhaul for a model H 3 or H 5 Moch vehicle costs from 8,000 to 12,000 DEM. On account of these high costs for repair work, the State Planning Commission has to increase the budget available for repair work in [REDACTED] the annual amortization fixed for the enterprise [REDACTED] vehicle repair shops were considerably enlarged, [REDACTED] Machinery was not modernized accordingly, however, [REDACTED] on continued to be tight, especially because many of the vehicles in use are overage.

11. In spite of all these shortcomings of the GDR road traffic system, the profitableness of road, freight and passenger traffic is relatively higher in the GDR than in West Germany. This is mainly due to a better and more centralized organization which eliminates empty runs and makes possible the employment of trucks in three shifts. Moreover, the load capacity of buses and trucks is more ruthlessly exploited. Another point which has a bearing is the absence of competition between road traffic and the railroad system. The average monthly pay of a driver is 800 to 1,000 P.R. In the event that he overfulfills his work norm, he is paid a special bonus at the end of the quarter of a year.

[REDACTED] Comment. Most of the personnel of the Main Administration for Motor Traffic and Roads mentioned in the present report were known previously. [REDACTED] The Annex to referenced report is to be corrected and supplemented accordingly. The data on the present status of the East German road traffic system agrees with previous information. [REDACTED]

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6. The planned conversion of 3- and 6-ton trucks and trailers to dump trucks has made very slow progress because only one East German private firm is in a position to deliver satisfactory truck bodies for dump cars. This enterprise, the Walter Hunger firm at Frankenberg, exports most of its output to foreign countries and is therefore specially sponsored by DIA. At the exhibition in Cairo the firm of Walter Hunger sold its entire 1954 output. For this reason only a few dump trucks are available for the domestic market. Thus, for instance, the VEB DKV in Berlin, the largest enterprise of its kind, received only 20 dump trucks and trailers in 1954. Efforts have been initiated, however, to increase the capacity of the firm of Hunger at Frankenberg.
7. In the field of freight traffic, truck space is utilized to the maximum extent possible. Dispatch stations have been set up at all major points of transloading. Empty trucks have to report at these stations; this procedure eliminates runs without payload. Carriers would operate much more profitably if the shortage of replacement parts did not unduly extend the time periods required for the repair of damaged vehicles. Most of the buses are employed for commuter traffic and line traffic. Interzonal runs have been stopped because of the poor condition of GDR vehicles. Licenses for such trips are given to West German and West Berlin firms which have to pay a certain percentage of the rates charged to the GDR.
8. In 1953/1954, 600 Ikarus buses were imported from Hungary. Most of the drivers do not like these buses because their engines are unreliable and frequent repairs prevent smooth operations. West German Buessing and Mercedes trucks are generally considered the most reliable. Highly appreciated are also the Czech Skoda buses and the Horch buses manufactured by the VEB Railroad Car Factory at Ammendorf. The latter buses have the designation H 6 B. The Horch engine is generally considered to be the best engine produced in the GDR since the war. This engine is also widely used by the KVP. A difficult point still is the shortage of replacement parts.

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9. The normal wear and tear of vehicles is accelerated by inadequate maintenance work and a shortage of garages which necessitates the parking of vehicles in the open. Funds for the construction of garages and lean-to roofs have not been made available. In rainy weather, the surface of many parking lots is so muddy that vehicles must be pulled out by tractors. The situation is much better in this respect in parking lots adjacent to major construction sites operated by the Soviets or by the Ministry of the Interior such as at Strausberg, Torgelow, Weisswasser, Werder, Dresden and Prora. One of the greatest worries for the administration of motor traffic in the GDR is the shortage of motor vehicle repair facilities. The long time periods required for repair work have not been notably reduced since 1952 in spite of the allocation of funds for the procurement of modern machine tools and the construction of repair shops. In 1953, the planned construction of five large motor vehicle repair centers, each estimated to cost 6.5 million DME, had to be cancelled. The repair of vehicles is delayed because foreign-owned vehicles enjoy priority at motor vehicle repair shops. Moreover, replacement parts which must be imported from foreign countries must be requested through nationalized enterprises via DIA from the State Planning Commission. Each traffic enterprise is therefore intent on establishing a repair shop of its own. It frequently happens that vehicles which could be repaired are cannibalized in order to obtain urgently required replacement parts.
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